

# Borough of Rocky Hill

## Council Minutes

October 4, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 6, 2003 in accordance with “The Open Public Meetings Act”.

### ***Roll Call:***

#### **Present**

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Edward Zimmerman

### ***Minutes***

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 20, 2004 were approved as presented ,with the correction that the total for the park grant application was \$200,000.00 not 250,000.00 as reported in the minutes, with a motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Zimmerman. On a roll call vote Mr. Batchelder, Mr. Engelbrecht, Ms. Harris and Mr. Zimmerman voted aye. Ms. Hallman and Mr. Morren abstained

The minutes of the special meeting held on September 28, 2004 were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote Ms. Batchelder, Mr. Engelbrecht, Ms. Hallman, Ms. Harris and Mr. Morren voted aye. Mr. Zimmerman abstained.

### ***Public Comment***

Ms. Yuschak, President of the Rocky Hill Community Group, stated that the Group is a non profit organization and its records are open for public inspection and all their meetings are open to the Public. She said she hoped the citizens of Rocky Hill would come together for the betterment of the Town.

### ***Engineer's Report***

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Tanner said the pavement stripping is completed. The County is looking for the pedestrian signs for Crescent Avenue to have them reinstalled. The manholes on Washington St. have been repaired and the pavement on Crescent Avenue will be cored so we can receive reimbursement from the State for the project. The intersections along Rt. 518 has been painted and the traffic calming tables along Princeton and Montgomery Avenues will be installed very soon. The bids for Somerset County Park Development are still under review. There will be a meeting with the leaf removal contractor Tuesday Oct. 5, 2004. The County is saying the River Road Bridge will reopen by Thanksgiving Day and Mr. Tanner is still working on the drainage problem at the end of Grove Street.

### ***Bill List***

Ms. Harris presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix # 1 for the Bill List.

### ***Committee reports***

**Administration & Records:** Ms. Hallman reported that approval has been received form the State to destroy certain old borough records. The Clerk and Tax Collector will make arrangements to have the records destroyed. The Board of Health is reviewing the Unfit Building Section of the General Code and will report back to Ms. Hallman.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Zimmerman said the painting and carpet installation is complete in the Borough Office and most of the new furniture has been built. He expects the project to be complete by months end.

**Finance & Insurance:** Mr. Batchelder presented a budget report through August 17, 2004.

**Public Safety/ Emergency Services:** Mr. Morren said he received two Constable Reports and they are checking for low hanging trees etc. and issued two parking summons. It was stated South Bound Brook Police had a motorist check in the Borough today and 99 summonses were issued and six vehicles were towed. It was said there are still trees blocking road signs in the Borough and Mr. Morren will have the Constables check it out.

**Streets & Roads:** Ms. Harris said all of her report was given by the engineer.

**Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection:** Mr. Engelbrecht said the painting at the well house is complete, but some maintenance work is still to be completed. He stated two manhole cover seals will be installed on Toth Lane and this should correct the sewer odor problem.

**Council representative to Planning Board:** Report given earlier.

**School Board Rep.:** Ms. Hallman asked Ms Zimmerman, School Board President to give a report and she said the classes are very crowded in Montgomery Schools but the condition should improve when the new high school opens for classes next September.

**Zoning Official:** Mr. Raffaelli says his office is busy and a new project is cell antenna for AT&T to come before the Planning Board.

**Board of Health Rep.:** Mr. Engelbrecht said the health questionnaire should be out by mid October.

### ***Special Business***

Ordinances 14-04 and 15-04 will be introduced at the next meeting.

### ***Communications***

They were discussed and ordered filed.

### ***Unfinished Business***

The General Code Book was reviewed from Chapter 46 to Chapter 100 and Borough Council made several changes that the Attorney will correct.

### ***New Business***

Nothing at this time.

### ***Public Comment***

Mr. Moore asked if a name for the new park has been chosen and was told it has and if the decision, is approved by all parties it will be announced soon.

Ms. Yuschak asked about the conflict of interest question concerning Ms. Hallman serving as an Officer of the Rocky Hill Community Group and was told there is no conflict.

Ms Nan Agar asked about some dead trees near the water tower and was told they should be replaced soon.

Ms. Crane stated Mr. Wells is working on a tree inventory for Rocky Hill and when completed and the Borough passes an Ordinance the Borough will receive a “TREE CITY DESIGNATION”.

Ms. Harris moved, second by Ms. Hallman to go into Executive Session at 8:40PM to discuss possible litigation Schafer vs. Borough of Rocky Hill. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Mr. Morren left the meeting at this time he was not feeling well.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Ms. Harris to return to Public Session at 9:30PM. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31PM with a motion by Mr. Engelbrecht, second by Mr. Zimmerman. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.  
Borough Clerk